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## HUGHES IS NOTIFIED

### ADMINISTRATION IS ROUNDLY SCORED FOR FAILURE TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES.

By Associated Press.

New York, July 31.—Charles E. Hughes tonight outlined in his speech of acceptance the issues upon which he will conduct his campaign for the presidency.

Mr. Hughes assailed the administration for the course it has pursued with reference to Mexico, maintenance of American rights during the European war, preparedness and other great questions of the day. He declared for a new policy of "firmness and consistency" toward Mexico for "the unflinching maintenance of all American rights on land and sea," and for adequate national defense—adequate protection on both our western and eastern coasts.

#### Alien Intrigues.

"We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation," Mr. Hughes said. "Utterly intolerable is the use of our soil for alien intrigues. Every American must unreservedly condemn them and support every effort for their suppression."

The nominee assailed the administration for its "direction of diplomatic intercourse" from the beginning, declaring that where there should have been conspicuous strength and expertise there had been weakness and inexperience. He cited Santo Domingo as an instance where appointments had gone to "deserving Democrats" and to the failure to continued Ambassador Herrick at his post in Paris after the war had started as "a lamentable sacrifice of international repute."

#### Favors Suffrage.

"I endorse the declaration in the platform in favor of women suffrage," Mr. Hughes declared. And he added: "Opposition may delay, but in my judgment cannot defeat this movement. I favor the vote for women."

#### Traces the Mexican Situation.

One fourth of the speech was devoted to Mexico. Step after step taken by the administration with reference to Mexico was assailed, from the days of Huerta to the note sent the de facto government by the state department June 23 last, part of which was quoted in the speech. The seizure of Vera Cruz, the nominee said "was a war of course."

"Later we retired from Vera Cruz," he continued, "giving up this noble warfare. Recently the naked truth was admitted by a cabinet officer. We are now informed that we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag. We are told that we went there to show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demand that Huerta must go."

"America," Mr. Hughes continued, "has no policy or aggression toward Mexico, no desire for any part of her territory, but wishes her to have peace and stability and prosperity."

#### Our Demands on Mexico.

"The conduct of the administration has created difficulties we shall have to surmount," he said. "We demand from Mexico the protection of the lives and property of our citizens and the security of our border from depredations."

#### Brave Words—No Acts.

Safeguarding American rights abroad had not been accomplished by the administration, he said. There had been "brave words in a series of notes but 'what does it avail to use some of the strongest words known to diplomacy if ambassadors can receive the impression that the words are not taken seriously.'"

The nominee reiterated his declaration that this government left no doubt that it meant to hold Germany to "strict accountability" there would have been no loss of life on the Lusitania.

#### Shockingly Unprepared.

Discussing unpreparedness Mr. Hughes said it was apparent that the United States was "shockingly unprepared."

"The administration has failed to discharge its responsibilities," Mr. Hughes continued. "Apparently it is now seeking to meet political exigencies by its naval program. But it has imposed on the country an incompetent naval administration."

"We demand adequate protection on both our western and eastern coasts. We demand thoroughness and efficiency in both arms of the service. It seems to be plain that our regular army is too small. We are too great a country to require of our citizens who are engaged in peaceful vocations the sort of military service to which they are now called."

Mrs. Jim Penny proved herself an agreeable hostess Thursday, entertaining in the fore and afternoon honoring her visiting guest Mrs. Richmond of Sweetwater, Texas. In the forenoon Mrs. Penny was hostess to the morning bridge club, Miss Mona Heard making high score and capturing the handsome piece of Ravenware. Twelve o'clock luncheon was served, and in the afternoon a thimble party was planned and a very pleasant and social time spent.

Mrs. Laura Beers has been with Mrs. McClure at Bakery this week and when one of the neighbor children went for a loaf of bread she rushed home and said oh Mamma, our sweet Mrs. Beers has come back to her home.

### G. O. P. LEADERS SCORED.

Republican leaders who are this year seeking nominations as "vindications" of their past careers, are roundly scored in the formal call for a state convention of Progressive and Independent voters, just issued by Col. B. M. Cutting, Progressive state chairman. The convention is to open here on August 31, one day later than the Democratic state convention, and the wording of the call is a further indication that the Democratic state ticket is to be supported. It asks "all independent voters who believe in an equitable distribution of the burden of state taxation in fact and not in theory; who believe that the people should be represented by an organization unfettered by obligations to any special interests, and should rule themselves free from the selfish activity of corrupt and unfit bosses who seek to use political organizations as agencies to advance their own selfish ambitions and to bring about their nomination to high offices as a vindication of their past careers; who believe that the nomination of good men to state offices is essential to the welfare of the state, present and future, and who believe that the election of able honest men to represent the state in Congress is essential to properly support the good name of the state and achieve its advancement in rational affairs," to participate in the convention.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The county commissioners Boeman and Lusk, met Tuesday. Mr. Wright started down but was delayed on the road and got here after they had adjourned.

They awarded the contract to floor the La Huerta and Green street bridges to Wallace and Pond. And awarded the contract to furnish the courthouse with coal for the coming winter to A. G. Shelby & Company.

The county board met last Tuesday and let the flooring of the bridges to Wallace & Pond, their bid being \$2,251.00 while U. S. Hamilton bid \$2,329.00 and Toffelmire & Walker \$2,400.00.

### LAKEWOOD CANNING FACTORY.

Ripe tomatoes and cantaloupe are pouring in now from Lakewood. The addition to the cannery has been completed, which about double the capacity. They can pack about 50,000 cans a day. They have provided a store room 32x75 feet, and are now working on the pulping plant. This plant in itself will add much to the producer as all small red tomatoes can be used as it was they were left on the farmer's hands.

### A PREMIUM.

The Carlsbad Project Milling company that is putting in the new flour mill in the valley, will manufacture at least four brands of flour, i. e. First and second grades of hard wheat and first and second grades of soft wheat flour, and in order to secure suitable names for each, offers a sack (48 pounds) to each of the four persons sending us the best names, or for any names accepted by us. The rules will be that each person send in only one name. In case two or more persons send in the same accepted name the prize will be divided equally. It costs you nothing but the postage. Send in your selection early as we wish to place the order for the printing of the names before the first of September. We expect to be milling flour from wheat grown in the valley by Oct. 1.

Carlsbad Project Milling Co.,  
By F. T. Cook, Mgr.  
Loving, N. M.

From a letter written by W. W. Dean we glean the following items: "Company B. and Company A. will leave here Thursday night for a point 25 miles down the road toward El Paso. We are going there to relieve the regular cavalry while they go to the target range for record practice. We expect to be there about ten days. We are still getting the lemons you people are so kindly sending us, and will need them more where we are going. The last crate came free express charge and were certainly appreciated."

Chas. Grammer was in from his ranch this week and when asked a few leading questions about the rain and range, he said they had a good rain at the Ogle ranch or the mouth of Walnut, that the high wind blew down and almost destroyed the big goat shed, built of cast iron, 70 by 70 feet, and is quite a heavy loss. They have not had any rain to speak of at the upper or main ranch called Walnut.

Mr. and Mrs. Allington and daughter Elizabeth came in from the ranch Wednesday in their big Overland and encountered some mud and had road on the way in. The road near John Reeds in that lone was just right to bag a snipe and the car going some heavier was hard to get through.

Still money to be earned killing fleas! For each quart of fleas delivered Friday mornings between 5 and 10 o'clock to Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Raley and Mrs. Will Purdy ten cents will be paid.  
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### ANOTHER BIG RAIN.

Last Sunday evening about five o'clock Carlsbad and vicinity was treated to another downpour which the government rain gauge at the reclamation office registered 2.48 or a trifle less than two and a half in. The rain clouds this time gathered in the northeast and commenced falling several miles out north and east from town and extended for several miles southwest though the center of the storm must have been about on the west line of the town. The rain fell for about an hour and was followed by a light drizzle at intervals for several hours during the night. The water in Hackberry draw south of town was about two feet and the floods from the hills west of town

showed that all the foothills for three or four miles had received a good wetting, but, on account of the heavy fall in so short a time the most of the water ran away and consequently failed to soak the ground as much as a rain of half the amount that might fall slow.

J. R. Means, the genial cow man of the Queen country now of Bear Springs, came in from Artesia yesterday. He is here to meet his brother W. W. Means and family from Ardmore, Okla., and show them the way to the ranch. He is patting himself on the head that he gets the Current at \$1.50 now, and the Ford cars at \$80 off, if he bites.

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## BIG CONVENTION AUGUST 30TH

### DEMOCRATS EXPECT RECORD BREAKING CONVENTION.

Santa Fe, Aug. 3.—The Democratic state convention for the purpose of naming a state ticket, which will open here August 30, and for which a formal call has been issued by Judge N. B. Laughlin, Democratic State chairman, is expected to be the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the kind ever held in New Mexico. While the total number of votes to be cast is limited to 234, under the county apportionment, it has been decided that a double or even a larger delegation may be sent by any county that desires to do so, and there is promise that the democrats of a number of the counties will avail themselves of this privilege. The convention will be held in Representative hall at the state capital, and ample accommodations for all delegates will be provided.

## ROGER CASEMENT DIES A MARTYR

### CASEMENT PAYS WITH HIS LIFE

#### Was Game to the Last and Died like A Gentleman.

London, Aug. 3.—Roger Casement, former British Knight and consul, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning, in Pentonville jail, for high treason. He was convicted of conspiring to cause an armed revolt in Ireland and with having sought German aid to that end.

Two hours before the execution, a crowd of men, women and children gathered before the prison gates. At 9 o'clock, the crowd had swollen to such proportions that it extended for two blocks from the prison front. At one minute after nine, a single stroke of the big bell announced that the trap had been sprung. It was the signal for a mocking, jeering yell from the crowd which suddenly died away into dead silence.

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A convention rate of a fare and a third will be put into effect by the railroads, and the concession will mean a substantial saving to delegates in transportation expense.

The work before the coming state convention is of supreme importance to the Democracy of New Mexico. The demand is for the strongest possible state ticket, and consequently for wise and deliberate action on the part of the convention delegates. The state issue this year is clean cut and distinct. It is not simply one of general political differences. It is a fight between the Democracy and the Invisable Government of the Republican party; it is a fight for the rights and the futures of the people; it is a fight against a thoroughly unscrupulous Republican machine, seeking to put the Democrats out of office that the spoils system of other days may be re-established and that public money may be used for its own ends and with the object of perpetuating its control. It is a fight against all that is wicked in New Mexico politics; against graft and ineptness in state institutions; against extravagance and the burden of government. It is a fight for justice and honesty and decency in state affairs.

The Democrats of the state will go into the campaign this year united and harmonious. The delegation from the various counties should enter the convention on August 30 with one big object in view—the nomination of men capable of giving the state and the people the maximum service, of inspiring the voters with the high aims and purposes of the Democracy, and of attracting the greatest possible support to the ticket. In the coming campaign the man who selects the party's standard bearers should take a leading part in the work necessary to make Democratic success a certainty.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Glat, at Bluff Dale, Texas, Monday July 31, an 8 1-2 pound baby boy. His oldest sister Miss Della Glat writes he is a fine boy and his dainty cap with pink rosetts was just as sweet and pretty as could be.

Red Smith came in from the Acery ranch Wednesday with his wagon loaded to the last notch with wool.  
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## TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

### OLD TIMER GONE.

Henry Robb, the photographer, but for a year or more employed by the People's Mercantile at the warehouse left Wednesday morning for Tyrone where he has accepted a better position. The new employers could not have found a better or more trusted man. Mr. Robb has been here for thirty odd years, was small boy, young man, and later a family man. He owned sheep at one time, but when he and his wife decided to take up a study of photography they sold the sheep, keeping the home ranch west of town in Hackberry draw, also the residence in town and the studio. Mr. and Mrs. Robb are thorough and competent in the line of photography, but has looked after the interest of the studio, while Mr. Robb was at the warehouse. What is Carlsbad lost will be Tyrone's gain, a better and more reliable family will be hard to find. They are splendid people and true blue when you are looking for a neighbor, friend, to say little about reliability. The one gleam of hope they held out to their neighbors here is they are not selling their property and may return. They will feel at home there as Mrs. Robb's sisters and mother are there. The best wishes of the entire valley go with them.

Mrs. Robb and Preston will remain until Mrs. Robb can close up some business matters when they will join Mr. Robb at Tyrone.

### DIED AT LOVING.

Sunday at 2 a. m., Mrs. Andy Pyle died of tuberculosis, at their home in Loving. She leaves a husband and five small children, and other relatives. A mother and sister were here with her, the mother Mrs. Wilson coming about ten days ago, the sister Miss Wilson had been here for some time. The body was shipped to the old home in Illinois. They had lived in Loving about two years and six months. They owned their home there and were comfortably situated. They have made many friends and found kind neighbors that mourn with them in this great loss. Mr. Pyle expects to return in a few weeks and close out their property.

### ALL NIGHT DANCE.

L. D. Merchant was in town Saturday from his ranch this side of the point. He said the good rain we got here Thursday night did not extend to the D. ranch. On his way in he attended the big dance and barbecue given by the new owner of the Paul Gray ranch. Supper was beautifully served, there being three big cuts during the night and to good music a big crowd danced all night.

### PUBLIC UTILITY IMPROVEMENT.

The Public Utility Company acquired the Chinese laundry owned by Mrs. Keebler of Kansas City, and they are going to remove it and replace it with their old office building with a fine building and sales room, back of the office they now have the up-to-date auxiliary power plant, which they can use in case of emergency purposes, in case of fire, or when the Pecos is on a rampage. They intend to spend \$20,000 on improvements this year. The going of the old laundry will be one more old time landmark defunct. The company has improved the power plant on the river, and many other improvements to increase the efficiency of the plant.

### BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Howard C. Kerr, the Carlsbad Auto garage man, who has a fine orchard of Elberta peaches, shows the Current office a courtesy they appreciated by sending the box a box of the selected fruit. Mrs. Mullane claims them as her gift as the box arrived on her birthday, and with the choice cream, only Bessie the cow, can provide, we enjoyed a desert fit for a crowned prince.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wilson of Dayton wish to thank their old friends who so kindly ministered to them in the death of their baby boy, Everett. The flowers, the beautiful service and all other kindnesses will be gratefully remembered.

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When Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, announced on Wednesday that the British government was determined not to grant a reprieve.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Michael Francis Doyle, of counsel for Roger Casement, in a statement given out today in reply to that made by Lord Robert Cecil in London yesterday, said that the statement that Irish prisoners in Germany suffered undue hardships because they did not join Casement's Irish brigade, was false, and no evidence of it appeared at the trial.

Mr. Doyle further stated that the eight counts of the indictment against Casement "referred to acts committed in Germany and that the British government refused a request made by Casement to bring sixty witnesses from Germany to testify in his behalf."

### TWO TITANIC BLASTS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS DRIVE THOUSANDS FROM BED.

Jersey City, July 31.—I was literally jarred from bed when the first of two titanic blasts occurred on what is known as the Black Tom peninsula, jutting out into the New York Bay, at 2:08 Sunday morning. My first thought was that a terrific earthquake had taken place.

Buildings were jarred and the shivered glass windows fell like rain drops. Crockery rattled and generally all the effects of an earthquake were felt.

Thousands dashed through the streets in their night clothes and many stayed there for hours, hugging the open spaces, away from buildings. Doors crashed inward and roofs were ripped off, brick chimneys tumbled and added pandemonium as they struck the tin roofs. Flames shot two hundred yards in the air and lit the sky so bright that the roosters began to crow.

I reached the scene of the first explosion in ten minutes. Soon ambulances put in an appearance and then the fire apparatus showed up.

Then came the second explosion and the world seemed split open. Ear drums seemed to collapse and pillars of flame, surrounded by smoke, went whirling skyward, whistling and whirling as shrapnel sped overhead.

I lay on the ground until the worst was over.

There were minor shocks as explosions on nearby barges exploded.

At the ambulances the nurses calmly received the several injured men brought to them by the policemen and gave them first aid treatment.

At dawn the ground seemed like an European battlefield. The terrain was mostly made land, built out over the water of the bay.

The explosions of dynamite, lydit, dinitro, nitro-cellulose, and gun powder obliterated freight cars and the point of land disappeared. Great steel machinery was blown into bits.

The fires are still blazing today. The firemen are at work on the fires burning water from fifty streams of fire hose. Occasionally a few shells explode.

The original cause of the explosion is a mystery. Investigators found no evidence of a bomb plot.

Four persons are known to be dead, twenty-five are missing and 116 are injured. The property loss probably will reach fifty million dollars.

The fires or explosions destroyed 17 warehouses, six piers, four barges, one tug boat and eighty-five freight cars, many of the latter laden with munitions.

### The Law was Violated.

Jersey City, July 31.—The officials of two railroads and of the storage companies concerned in the great explosions of yesterday, were arraigned today, their hearings then being postponed until Friday. They were released on five thousand dollars bond each being charged with "criminal and gross negligence."

A comprehensive and thorough investigation will be made. Munition shipments are certain. The authorities have declared that every railroad concerned was a flagrant violator of the statutes regulating the storage of explosives.

Four persons are known to have been killed. An unidentified man was found floating in the harbor, horribly mutilated.

A serious aftermath of the explosion is caused by many boxes of explosives and bombs floating about partly submerged. Vessels have been warned of the existence of these menaces and a patrol has been established. Supplies for the Allies.

New York, July 31.—The ammunition that exploded on Sunday was part of that intended for the allies and was stored in great warehouses on the bay. After the first shock there came a lull of only a few minutes before the second blast and it seemed that the entire island had been blown away. The thousands that crowded in to the streets ran for open spaces and hid in corners to escape the falling debris. After the second explosion the crowds in the street were reinforced by thousands more. Men, women and children left their homes in their night clothes. Many declared that they had been thrown out of bed by the concussion which was felt more severely in Brooklyn than in New York. Women who were in Brooklyn when the explosion occurred were thrown to the pavement and many were crazed by fear.

A panic was created throughout New York City and many were injured in the crowds, as the thousands rushed out of the buildings. Women became hysterical and the police had all they could do to avoid disaster.

### CHURCH TEA.

Mrs. J. Q. Lauer assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lauer entertained at an afternoon church social Friday. The invited guests were Messdames Clarke, Flowers, Sparks, Penny, Knight, Bales, Lyle, Adams, Swigart, Robinson, Redmon, and Hartshorn. Light refreshments were served and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

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